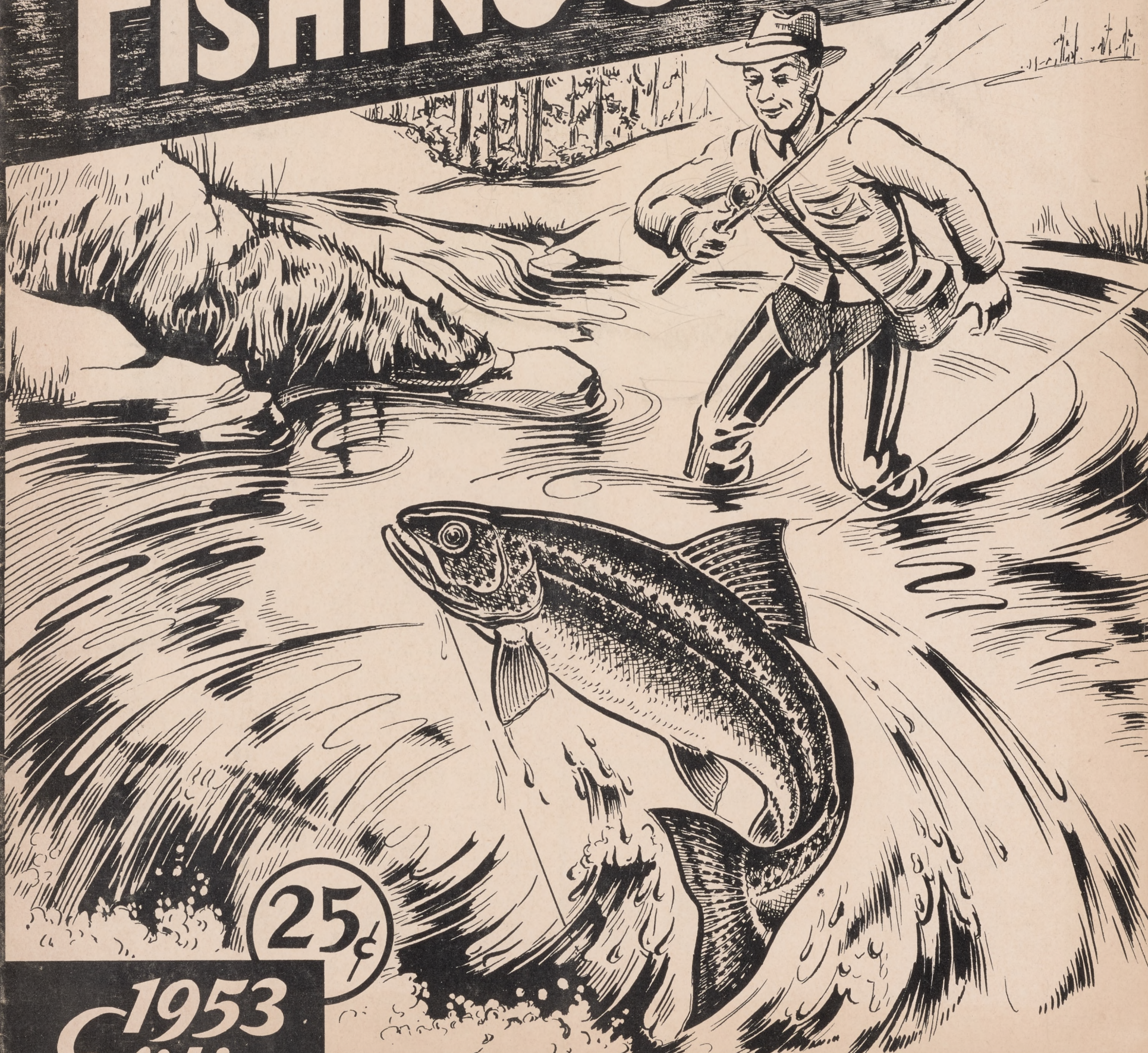


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Let's Go Fishing!

**Inyo-Mono Prepared
For Record Number
Of Trout Fishermen**

The *Big Day* is Saturday, May 2!

That's the date that many months ago almost everyone in Inyo-Mono circled on their calendars as the opening of the 1953 trout season—and for various reasons.

Many of the local Izaak Waltons are getting ready to join the thousands who annually journey from Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other parts of the West for the choicest fishing in California. They have oiled their reels, dusted off their poles, and have gathered together their collection of favorite flies and other attractive baits which, they hope, will lure those big Lochleven and Brown trout; those fighting Rainbows and Eastern Brooks; or those elusive Golden Trout into their roomy creels.

Other local residents have been looking forward to that big date on the calendar because they own a fishing camp, motel, restaurant, sporting goods store, filling station, pack train, or other related business. The influx of fishermen from other parts of the state is "bread-and-butter" to them and they must be ready to render the best possible service on a 24-hour basis. Plain fact is that fishermen, tourists, and other vacationers are Inyo-Mono's biggest industry—the means of livelihood for a large share of its population.

Still others, less sportsmanlike, of course, but practical nevertheless, mark the date as a good time to stay off the highways, when thousands of cars make a virtual Broadway out of U. S. Highways 395 and 6, as well as countless lesser roads. Overnight Inyo-Mono turns from a peaceful community to a virtual metropolis.

But for whatever reason, the opening of fishing season, May 2, 1953, is the biggest day of the year hereabouts. Thousands of anglers, some of whom have never wet a fly and many others who are Inyo-Mono regulars, will cover the lakes and scatter along the banks of the hundreds of fishable streams, hoping for that supreme thrill of hooking—and landing—those elusive trout.

Fishing conditions are expected to be much better all season. Last year heavy snows and cold weather had kept many of the lower level lakes closed or partly closed. This year, with comparatively light snows and mild weather, most of the lower level streams and lakes should be ideal for fishing—from the opening day right on through the summer.

The Fish and Game Department has been very busy, too, and during the past few weeks have generously stocked many of the streams and lakes with catchable trout. Although they didn't announce the number of fish planted in each, Fish and Game Department officials in the area revealed that the following Inyo-Mono streams and lakes have recently been stocked:

Ash Creek, Bair's Creek, Baker's Creek, Big Pine Creek, Birch Creek, Lower Bishop Creek, Convict Creek, Convict Lake, Cottonwood Creek (Lone Pine), George's Creek, Goodale Creek, Gull Lake, Hilton Creek, Hogsback Creek, Horton Creek.

Hot Creek, Independence Creek, June Lake, Lone Pine Creek, Mammoth Creek, McGee Creek, Oak Creek (north and south forks), Owen's River (Five Bridges-Chalk Bluff area), Pine Creek, Pinion Creek, Robinson Creek, Rock Creek, Rush Creek, Sawmill Creek, Shepherd's Creek, Symne's Creek, Taboose Creek, Tuttle Creek, and Upper and Lower Twin Lakes (Bridgeport).

There may be other lakes and streams stocked during the season, Fish and Game Department officials announced. A lot depends upon

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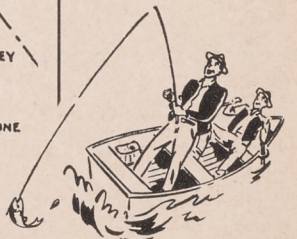
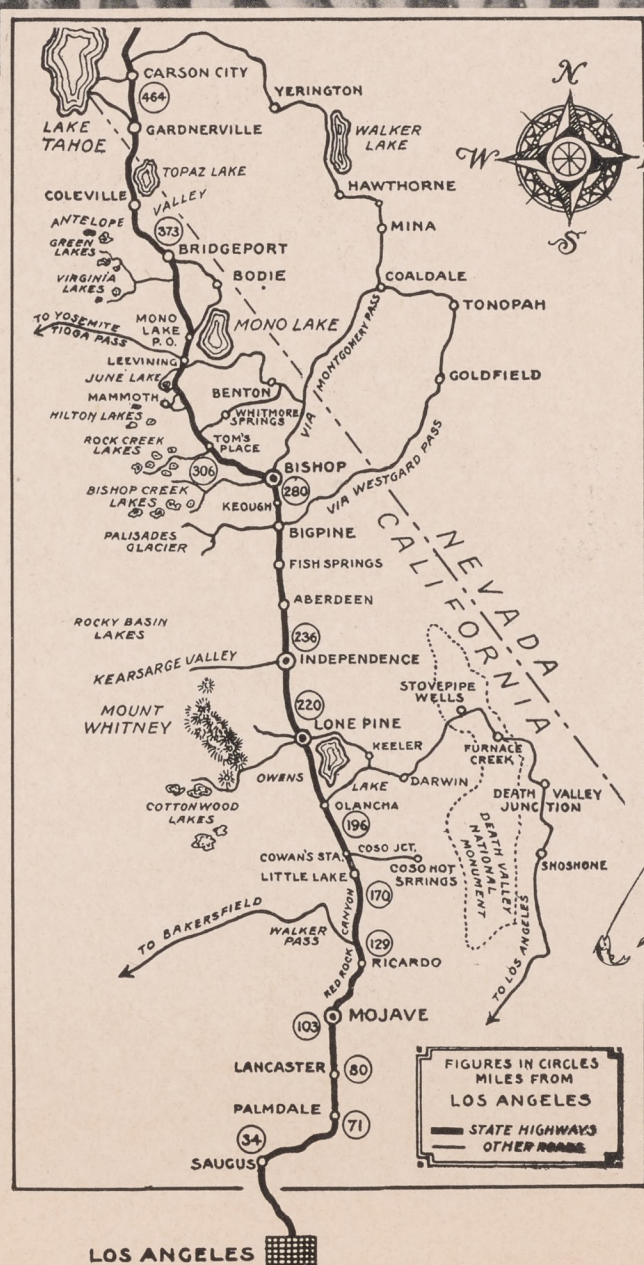


★ ABOVE—Here's just a sample of the Inyo-Mono fishing which annually attracts thousands of anglers—men, women, boys, and girls—to the area. Opening weekend of trout season produced the above eight weight limits for these Southern Californians and their party. The Crowley Lake trout were taken on Hot-Shot lures. Photo by Phillips Camera House, Bishop. RIGHT—This rough map shows the main highways to the Inyo-Mono area, along with the distances from Los Angeles. More detailed maps of fishing areas are found on pages 10, 11, 12, of this issue. They'll prove invaluable to you.

the temperature of the water, the availability of fish, and the needs of the fishing waters.

The following pages of this "Fishing Guide" pictorial of the Chalfant Press Publications are intended to make the fishing season more pleasant and profitable for both local residents and visitors from other parts of the state. Your attention is especially called to the graphic maps of the Inyo-Mono area which appear on pages 10, 11, and 12. By using these, you'll find it simple to find any fishing area you like. Some of the main fishing districts shown on each map are listed and explained below it. A complete list of the public camping areas in the Inyo National Forest district is included on pages 8 and 9, along with descriptions of each. You may find this invaluable. Then, of course, there are the new fishing regulations, closed areas, and lots of other pictures and features you'll like. Be sure to save this book—or, better yet, mail it to a friend.

Inyo-Mono is blessed with some of the finest streams and lakes in the United States. Whether you live here, or whether you are just a vacationer, you're really fortunate. The season is on, so, let's go fishing.



Where to Go . . . Where Not to Go . . . Fish and Game Official Announces New Fishing Rules and Regulations

The full force of six Inyo-Mono game wardens and other officials of the State Fish and Game Department are going to be on active duty on opening day and throughout the fishing season, so you'd better know your fishing rules and regulations. Violators will be picked up and will find themselves writing checks or cooling off a few days in some of the better pokeys in the Inyo-Mono area.

Just so you'll be better informed—about new regulations and old ones, too—Captain Jim Loundagin, head enforcement officer in the area, has compiled a list of a few of the more important rules to remember.

Angling hours are, of course, from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Night fishing is allowed for catfish only. The daily limit is 15 trout, or 10 pounds and 1 fish, or 3 trout (irrespective of weight). No person may have more than one limit in his possession and it is unlawful for a person to transport another person's fish in addition to his own limit.

WATERS CLOSED TO FISHING: INYO COUNTY

South Lake, closed from May 2 to May 29; Cottonwood Lake and tributaries and North and South Fork of Cottonwood Creek (south of Mt. Whitney), closed from May 2 to June 30.



WATERS CLOSED TO FISHING: MONO COUNTY

Rush Creek from Grant Lake to Los Angeles Venturi Weir, closed from October 1 to October 31; Walker Lake (Little Walker Lake) and tributaries, closed from May 2 to May 29 and from October 1 to October 31; Walker Creek from Little Walker Lake to Sardine Lake, closed at all times; Convict Creek from a point half-mile above Highway 395 bridge upstream half-mile and tributaries thereof, closed at all times; Grant Lake, closed from October 1 to October 31; Crowley Lake within 3,500 feet of dam and tributaries for half-mile upstream from mouths, closed at all times; Crowley Lake from Owens River dam to its head, closed from August 1 to October 31; Cottonwood Creek, North Fork, located in White Mountains and tributary to Nevada Basin, closed at all times; Outlet streams at Leavitt Lakes (Latopic, Koenig, Leavitt, and Ski), closed for half-mile from lake downstream; Convict Creek, McGee Creek, Crooked Creek and tributaries between Crowley Lake and Highway 395, closed from October 1 to October 31; Hilton Creek, Whiskey Creek,



and all side channels, meanders, and tributaries between Crowley Lake and Highway 395, closed at all times.

This year's new closures, according to Patrol Chief Loundagin, are the last two mentioned—Convict, McGee, and Crooked Creeks, closed from October 1 to October 31 and Hilton Creek, Whiskey Creek, etc., closed at all times.

If there are any questions, Captain Loundagin reminded, you can check your official Fish and Game regulations or ask one of the department men. Official copies of the regulations can be obtained free of charge at any sporting goods store.



★TOP CENTER—Jim Loundagin, pictured here at his desk, is patrol captain of Inyo-Mono. He is in charge of enforcement of fish and game laws in the area. LOWER LEFT—Pictured with Loundagin are the five game wardens who will be on the job opening day—and every day—during the 1953 fishing season. *Front row*—Bob Stedman, Lee Vining; Al Crocker, Big Pine; Jim Loundagin (captain), Bishop. *Back row*—Steve Lukacik, Bishop; Don Hall, Cartago; and Eddie Vernon, Bridgeport.

—Photos by Steve Lukacik.



Rainbow Day Fish Contest

★ ABOVE—What a whopper! Bob Shunkwiler of Bishop holds his 22 lb. German Brown trout taken from the Owens River Gorge. In 1950 it was the largest German Brown trout taken from a stream anywhere in the United States—just another sample of the real stream and lake fishing available in Inyo-Mono. LOWER RIGHT—The cold and windy weather at last year's Crowley Lake opening didn't bother Mrs. Lizabeth Harvey of Bishop who shows off the two big spotted Rainbow trout she hooked. Mild weather is expected for this year's opening.

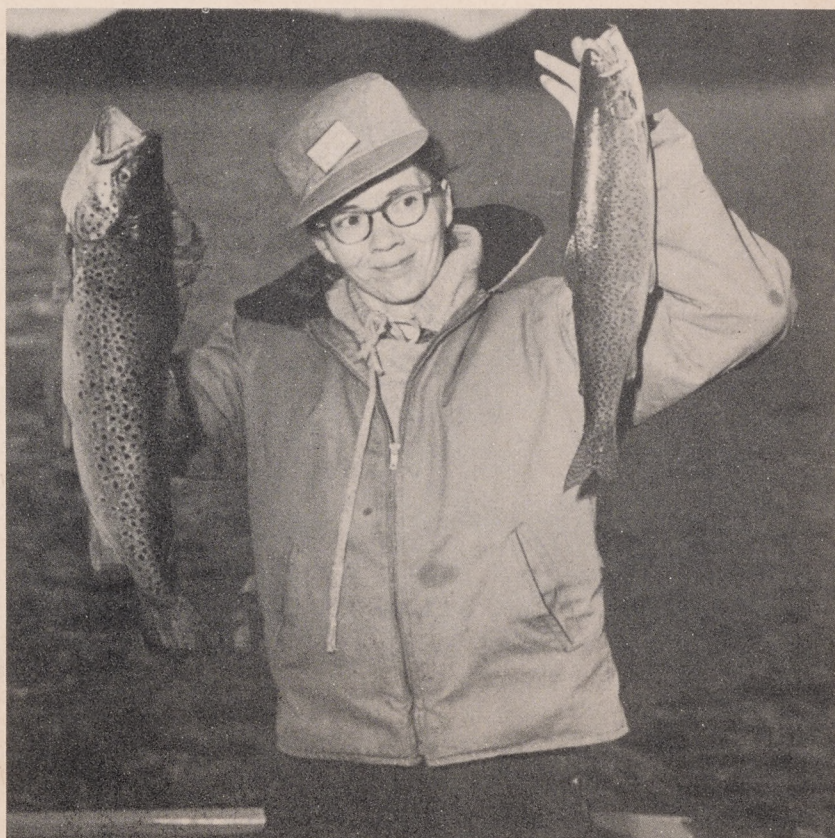
Fortunate first-day fishermen, who hook nice baskets of fish or specially large trout, will be eligible for some mighty-fine prizes in the annual Rainbow Day contest, sponsored by the Inyo-Mono Rainbow Club.

This year, in order to have the sports writers from the metropolitan papers present, the festivities will be held in the evening of opening day, Saturday, May 2. Entries should be brought into Tony's Service Station on Main Street in Bishop before 8 p.m. when the judging will begin.

Official judges for the contest, which always attracts a lot of writers, newsreel and television cameramen, are Milan Miller, Alex Kerr, and Les Smith, all members of the Southern Council of Conservation Clubs. And, while they're judging the prize fish, a continuous program of fishing films will be shown free-of-charge at the American Legion Hall directly across the street from the Rainbow Day headquarters.

Valuable prizes of sporting goods and similar merchandise, contributed by Inyo-Mono merchants, will be awarded to first and second-place winners in four classifications: men, women, boys under 16, and girls under 16. Prizes will go to each of these divisions for the best catch of Rainbows, Eastern Brook, Lochleven, Cutthroat, German Brown, etc.

In addition, a completely new set of top-grade fishing gear will go to the winner of the sweepstakes award, the person who catches and displays the biggest trout of the day.



Packing In... TO TOP SPOTS



The Eastern High Sierra Packers Association, numbering some 24 member "pack trains" was formed two decades ago so that the Inyo-Mono Packers could work together instead of in competition to each other. Now, the territory has been fairly well apportioned by means of U. S. Forest Service grazing permits and National Park Service packing permits.

"Most of our packing is done in national forests or national parks," London pointed out, "so we must satisfy these governmental agencies that we are capable and conscientious. People who are paying for pack train services have a right to feel that they are in capable hands."

Member-groups of the Packers Association vary in size. The smallest groups have 20 or 30 head of livestock (horses and mules) and the largest may have 150 or more available. One packer can safely handle a party of five or six if the party does its own cooking. However,

when additional services are requested, more packers are furnished. The average group stays a week or 10 days.

London, who operates Rock Creek Pack Station is president of the group, and Bruce Morgan of Mt. Whitney Pack Trains, Lone Pine, is secretary. The board of directors includes: Archie Mahan, Reds Meadows; Elmer Jensen, Round Valley; Dudley Boothe, Bishop; Russ Johnson, McGee Creek; Leo Rogers, Cottonwood Creek; and Jay Pearce, Bridgeport.

★ **HIGH IN THE SADDLE**—One of the thrills of life is packing into the high country. Ladies, children, as well as men, enjoy fishing and scenery unsurpassed on a pack trip. The picture below is the high country west of Big Pine, served by Glacier Pack Train, and was taken near the Palisade Glacier, southern-most glacier in the United States.
—All Year Club of Southern California photo.

A lot of anglers insist that if you want to really hit the top fishing areas you must "pack in" to those lakes and streams that aren't crowded with fishermen. And this year, because of the comparatively light snow and mild late-spring climate, members of the Eastern High Sierra Packers Association are expecting one of their busiest seasons, according to Herb London, of Bishop, president of the group.

"Last year the season came late," London said, "because of cold weather and snow. Most of the packing is done in high, hard-to-get-to country, of course, and we were quite late getting into some of the areas. However, most of our members reported a good year despite the slow start."

Although some of the pack trains are active from the time the fishing season opens, most of the groups don't count on much business before the 15th of June. Many of the trips are "family affairs," so parents wait until their children are out of school before taking them on a fishing vacation deep in the High Sierra.

Much of the business of the Packers Association is repeat business. The same parties often come year after year, often engaging their favorite pack train months in advance.

Packing is one of the oldest industries around here, London points out. Fishermen and hunters from other parts of the state have been visiting the High Sierra for decades, but even before this area became so well-known as an angler's paradise, pack trains were busy. In fact, that was the only way of traveling and freighting through the mountains before the advent of the automobile and good roads.



Crowley Lake... FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

Probably the greatest single attraction to anglers in the Inyo-Mono area is Crowley Lake, located 31 miles north of Bishop. It annually attracts thousands of visitors from all parts of the state. Facilities at Crowley Lake are administered by the Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks.

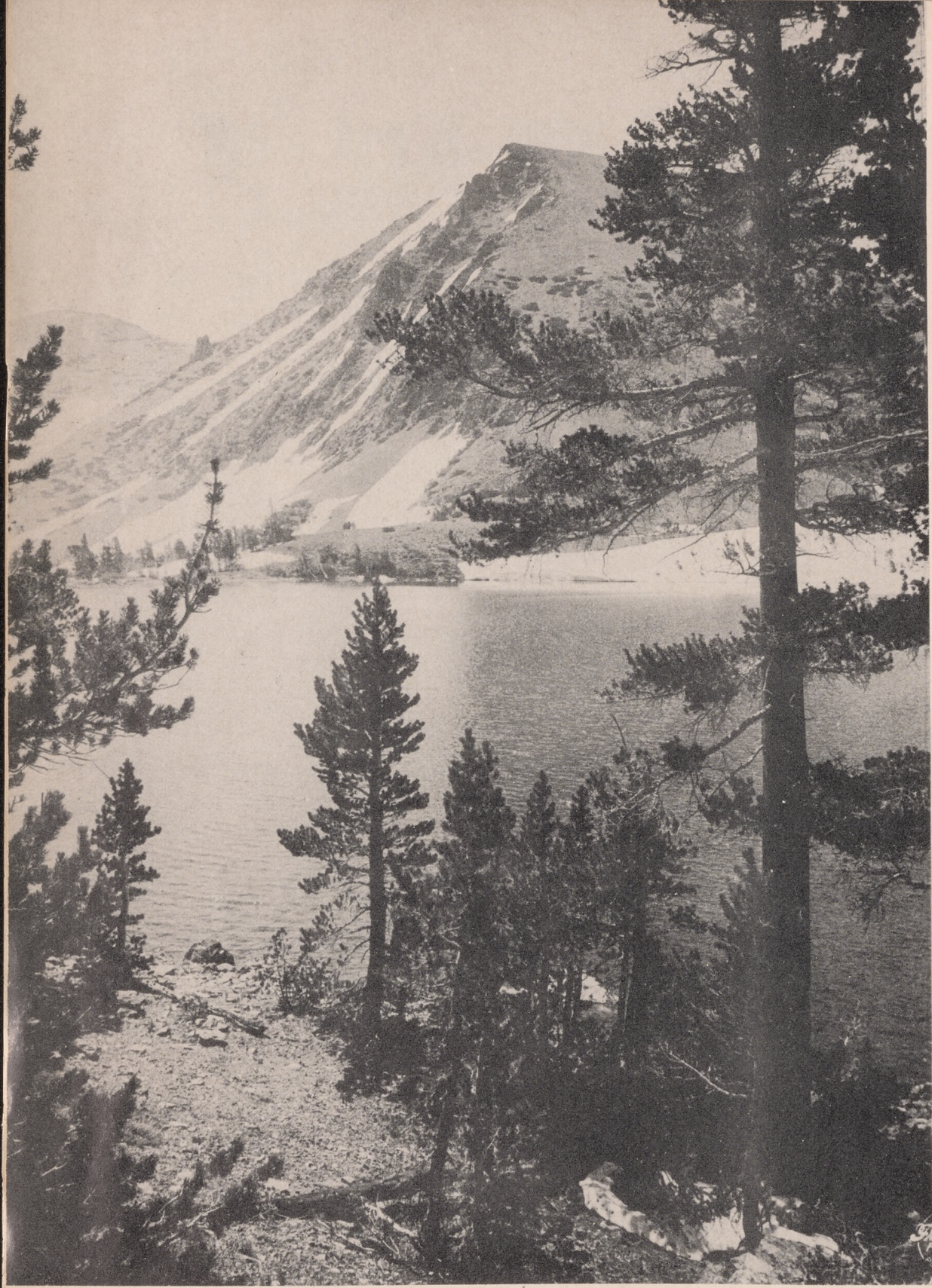
So great is the demand for rental boats for opening day that the fortunate ones are drawn by lot by the city officials months before the season begins. There have been as high as 1,300 boats reported on the lake opening day.

Crowley was opened for fishing in 1941 and since then has been heavily stocked year after year. Growing conditions are good and big fish are often caught here. Rainbows and Cutthroats are plentiful and so are the big Loch-leven which have been caught weighing as much as 17 pounds. In 1946 800,000 Cut-Throats alone were planted.



★ RIGHT—Ray Ackles of Los Angeles is shown here at the scales of Crowley Lake where he's weighing a dandy fish he caught in '52. You can see by the scales it's just a little less than 9 lbs. BELOW—Three fishermen from San Joaquin Valley, just landing a dandy on Crowley Lake. This lake is one of the finest trout fishing spots in the country.
—Photos by Steve Lukacik.





LONE PINE . . .

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Located 10 miles south and 4 miles west of Lone Pine, near Cottonwood Pack Station—gateway to Cottonwood Lakes high country. 2 tables, 2 stoves, 1 toilet. Stream water. Dirt road from main highway. Elevation 4500 feet.

WHITNEY PORTAL—Located 13 miles west of Lone Pine on Lone Pine Creek. Good oiled road, rather steep but passable for trailers. Trailer space. 60 stoves, 60 tables and benches, 11 toilets. Fairly level camping space. Piped and stream water. Beginning of Mt. Whitney trail. Supplies at Lone Pine. Small store at Whitney Portal Pack Station during July and August. Elevation 8300 feet.

INDEPENDENCE . . .

GRAY'S MEADOW—Located 6 mi. west of Independence. Good oiled road. Trailer space. 8 stoves, 11 tables and benches, 7 toilets. Level camping space. Stream water. Supplies at Independence. Elevation 6500 feet.



ONION VALLEY—At the road terminus from Independence west toward Kearsarge Pass. Six stoves, 8 tables, 4 toilets. Stream water. It is 15 miles from Independence—the nearest supplies; a steep road with many switchbacks. Not advisable for trailers Elev. 9000 ft.

OAK CREEK—Located 4 miles west of Fort Independence on the North Fork of Oak Creek. 4 tables, 2 toilets. Level area, trailer space. Stream water; good dirt road from Fish Hatchery. Elevation 4500 feet.

BIG PINE . . .

BIG PINE CREEK—Located 10 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 30 stoves, 40 tables and benches, 10 toilets. Stream water. A quarter of a mile to supplies at Glacier Lodge. Trailer space, but rather steep grades; heavy trailers inadvisable. Elev. 7900 ft.

FIRST FALLS—On Big Pine Creek, 1 mile west of Glacier Lodge, at beginning of trail to Palisade Glacier. 8 tables and benches, 4 toilets, stream water. Inadvisable for trailers. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elev. 8500 ft.

BISHOP CREEK . . .

BIG TREES—On Bishop Creek, 13 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 stoves, 5 tables and benches, 2 toilets. Stream water, trailer space. Supplies at Shreve's Camp. Elevation 7500 feet.

SOUTH FORK NO. 1—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 15 miles southwest of Bishop. 5 stoves, 5 tables and benches, 3 toilets. Stream water. Level ground. Trailer space. Supplies at Shreve's Camp. Elevation 8100 ft.

SOUTH FORK NO. 2—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, rather narrow. 2 stoves, 2 tables and benches, 1 toilet. Supplies at Shreve's Camp. Fairly level ground. Elevation 8400 ft.

SOUTH FORK NO. 3—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. Five stoves, 5 tables and benches, 3 toilets. Level campground, trailer space, stream water. Supplies at Shreve's Camp. Elevation 8600 ft.

SOUTH FORK NO. 4—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. Five stoves, 5 tables and benches, 2 toilets. Stream water. Level campground. Supplies at Parcher's Rainbow Camp. Elevation 8700 ft.

SOUTH FORK NO. 5—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 20 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. Four tables and benches, 2 toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9000 ft.

★ **UPPER LEFT**—It's beautiful spots like this that attract thousands of vacationists every year to Inyo-Mono. The U. S. Forest Service maintains public camps in almost any area of the Inyo National Forest a person would wish to go. A total of 74 public camps, with a description of facilities, size, altitude, nearest source of provisions, etc., are listed on these two pages.

74 CAMP SITES IN INYO NATIONAL

No less than 74 camp and picnic grounds are scattered through the Inyo National Forest area, which covers a large part of both Inyo and Mono counties. Varying in size from the small picnic spots to areas where vacationers can spend weeks at a time, these camps are made-to-order for the anglers who annually flock into the area during the summer season.

This year, according to W. S. Davis, Forest Supervisor, the camps will not be in tip-top shape because of the great reduction in recreational funds allotted. Efforts are being made to obtain additional money.

"This is a serious matter," Supervisor Davis pointed out, "Considering the fact that during the 1953 season a record number of fishermen,

will be flooding the Inyo-Mono area. In spite of the difficulties, however, we will do our best to take care of the Inyo Forest camps, but we must appeal to the recreation users for understanding, cooperation, and consideration."

The Forest Service will probably be able to police the areas, collect the garbage, and clean the toilets about once every week or 10 days, according to Supervisor Davis. He reminds campers they must have a campfire permit. These may be obtained from the nearest Forest Service office or leading sporting goods stores in forest areas.

A complete list of the camps in the Inyo National Forest area are listed below, with brief information about each.

LA HUPP—On south fork of Bishop Creek, near South Lake, 21 miles southwest of Bishop. 13 stoves, 13 tables and benches, 4 toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camp space. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elev. 9400 ft.

SOUTH LAKE—A rough camping space located on the south fork of Bishop Creek at South Lake, 22 miles southwest of Bishop. 3 tables and benches, 2 toilets. Stream and spring water. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9700 ft.

BISHOP PARK—Located on the middle fork of Bishop Creek, 16 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. Trailer space. 8 stoves, 15 tables and benches. 6 toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camping space. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 8400 ft.

LAKE SABRINA—On middle fork of Bishop Creek near North Lake, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. 16 stoves, 14 tables, 5 toilets. Stream water. Level campgrounds. Not advisable for trailers. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 9500 ft.



PINE CREEK . . .

Pine Creek is closed to public camping due to industrial development.

ROCK CREEK . . .

LOWER ROCK CREEK—On Rock Creek near Tom's Place, 26 miles north of Bishop, near U. S. 395. 30 stoves, 30 tables and benches, 12 toilets. Stream water. Fairly level campsites and trailer space. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 7500 ft.

IRIS MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek, 4 miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 6 tables, 4 toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8300 ft.

BIG MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek, 4½ miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 20 stoves, 20 tables and benches, 3 toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 8600 ft.

PALISADE—On Rock Creek, 5 miles south of U. S. 395, on fair dirt road. 3 tables and benches, toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elev. 8600 ft.

EAST FORK—Located along Rock Creek, 6 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 14 stoves, 15 tables and benches, 4 toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 9000 ft.

PINE GROVE—On Rock Creek 8 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 5 stoves, 5 tables and benches, 3 toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge nearby. Elevation 9300 ft.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—On Rock Creek and Rock Creek Lake, 11 miles south of U. S. 395, on fair dirt road. 10 stoves, 15 tables and benches, 7 toilets. Stream and lake water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 9600 ft.

NATIONAL FOREST

MOSQUITO FLAT—Located along Rock Creek, 12 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 3 stoves, 3 tables and benches, 3 toilets. Level campsites. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elev. 10,000 ft.

CONVICT LAKE . . .

CONVICT LAKE AND CREEK—Located at Convict Creek, 5 miles southwest of Mammoth Junction and 2 miles west of U. S. 395. 20 stoves, 20 tables and benches, 14 toilets. Lake, spring and stream water. Oiled road. Trailer space. Supplies at Convict Lake Resort. Elevation 7600 ft.

MAMMOTH LAKES . . .

MAMMOTH CREEK—Located on Mammoth Creek on old Mammoth Lakes road, 1 mile west of U. S. 395. 2 stoves, 4 tables and benches, 2 toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Casa Diablo. Elevation 7500 ft.

SHADY REST—Located 4 miles west of U. S. 395 near Mammoth Ranger Station on Mammoth Lakes Highway. 52 stoves, 61 tables and benches, 11 toilets.

TEN RULES for Campers

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1. Leave a clean camp—the next fellow will appreciate this courtesy.
2. Burn your papers, rags and cartons in your campfire. Place cans, garbage and bottles in the garbage can, or if not in improved campground, bury them.
3. Be careful not to pollute streams by unsanitary acts. Clean your fish in camp and place refuse in garbage cans or bury. Most of our streams and lakes are the source of drinking water in the Valley and camps below you. Do not bathe or wash in them unless so posted or authorized by the local Ranger. It is a misdemeanor to throw bottles, cans, garbage or trash of any kind in lakes or streams.
4. Do not injure trees by driving nails or attaching boxes or structures.
5. Please help us to keep the toilets clean.
6. Break your match in two.
7. Extinguish your campfire by using plenty of water and stirring coals.
8. Never leave a campfire unattended—even for a short time.
9. Be considerate of other campers by not monopolizing the camp tables.
10. A trailer coach water connection should not be attached to a campground water hydrant at any time.

Piped water. Level campground with trailer space. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7800 ft.

SHERWIN CREEK—Located on Sherwin Creek 3 miles southeast of Mammoth via good dirt road. 13 stoves, 11 tables and benches, 4 toilets. Stream water. Level campground with trailer space. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7700 ft.

TWIN LAKES—Located on Twin Lakes, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes Highway and 3 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 53 stoves, 58 tables and benches, 10 toilets. Piped water. Level campground with trailer space. Supplies at Twin Lakes Store. Elevation 8600 ft.



LAKE MARY—On Lake Mary, 3 miles west of Mammoth, reached by Mammoth Lakes highway. 12 stoves, 34 tables and benches, 12 toilets. Piped and stream water. Level campground with trailer space. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elev. 8900 ft.

LAKE GEORGE—On Lake George, 4 miles west of Mammoth, via Mammoth Lakes Highway. 3 stoves, 7 tables and benches, 2 toilets. Lake and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elev. 9000 ft.

COLDWATER—On Coldwater Creek at south end of Lake Mary, 4 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 6 stoves, 18 tables and benches, 8 toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 ft.

BIG SPRINGS—Located on Owens River 10 miles north of Mammoth and 2 miles east of U. S. 395 on oiled road. 1 stove, 6 tables and benches, 4 toilets. Spring water. Supplies at Thompson Ranch. Elevation 7200 ft.

GLASS CREEK—Located 11 miles north of Mammoth Ranger Station, and ¼ mile west of Highway 395. Near Crestview Resort. Stream water, 3 tables, 2 stoves, 2 toilets. Supplies at Crestview. Elevation 7300 ft.

REDS MEADOW AREA . . .

This area accessible by auto from U. S. 395, Bishop to Lee Vining, turning off at Casa Diablo Hot Springs. past Mammoth Ranger Station and over the Minaret summit road, into Reds Meadow. Accessible by the John Muir Trail from the north and south. Dirt road. Trailer travel inadvisable.

AGNEW MEADOW—Located 9½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station. Stream water, 9 tables, 3 stoves, 3 toilets. Elevation 8000 ft. Beginning point of trails to Shadow, Garnet and Thousand Island Lakes.

UPPER SODA SPRINGS—Located 10½ miles west of the Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 8 tables, 12 stoves, 3 toilets. Elevation 8000 ft.



PUMICE FLAT—Located 11½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station, on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water, 15 tables, 2 stoves, 3 toilets. Elevation 8000 ft.

MINARET FALLS—Located 12½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station, on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water, 17 tables, 5 stoves, 5 toilets. Elevation 8000 ft.

DEVIL'S POSTPILE—Located 13 miles northwest of the Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water, 24 tables, 2 stoves, 5 toilets. National Monument. Elevation 8000 ft. Operated by the Nat'l. Park Service.

REDS MEADOW—Located 14 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. Spring and stream water. 12 stoves, 62 tables, 10 toilets. Near guard station and Reds Meadow Resort and Pack Station. Hot water tub bathhouse nearby. Also public tourist pasture. Supplies available at Reds Meadow Store. Elevation 8000 ft.

JUNE LAKE AREA . . .

GULL LAKE—Adjacent to Gull Lake, reached by paved road 4 miles west of June Lake Junction, Highway 395, 56 miles north of Bishop. 24 camps with stoves and tables, piped water supply, toilet facilities, stores and supplies nearby. Elevation 7600 ft.

SILVER LAKE—Adjacent to Silver Lake, reached by paved road 8 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395, 56 miles north of Bishop. 17 camps with stoves and tables, piped water, toilet facilities, store, supplies and pack station adjacent. Elevation 7200 ft.

RUSH CREEK—Along Rush Creek between Silver and Grant Lakes, reached by paved road 8 to 10 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395, 56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 43 campsites scattered and in groups along 2½ miles of Rush Creek. Toilet facilities, stores, supplies and pack trains nearby. Elevation 7200 ft.

JUNE LAKE—Adjacent to June Lake, reached by paved road 2 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395, 56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 27 camps, piped water, toilet facilities, store, supplies and boats adjacent. Elevation 7600 ft.

TIOGA PASS AREA . . .

LEE VINING—Situated along Lee Vining Creek 1 mile west of Highway 395 on the Tioga Pass Highway. 35 camps with stoves and tables, piped water, toilet facilities, store and supplies 1½ miles east of town of Lee Vining. Elevation 7200 ft.

SADDLEBAG LAKE—On Saddlebag Lake, reached by fair dirt road 2 miles from Tioga Pass Highway at a point 12 miles west of Highway 395. 10 camps with stoves and tables, toilet facilities, some trailer sites, boats adjacent, store and supplies on Tioga Pass Highway. Elevation 10,000 ft.

ELLERY LAKE—On Tioga Pass Highway 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park boundary. 8 camps with stoves and tables, toilet facilities, adjacent to Lee Vining Creek and Ellery Lake store; store, supplies and boats nearby. Elevation 9400 ft.

TIOGA JUNCTION—On Tioga Pass Highway 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park on the junction of Lee Vining Creek and Mine Creek. 4 excellent camps with tables, toilet facilities, no trailer sites, store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9500 ft.

TIOGA LAKE—Situated adjacent to Tioga Lake on Tioga Pass Highway 13 miles west of Highway 395, and one mile east of Yosemite National Park boundary. 3 camp sites, toilet facilities, store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9800 ft.



INDEPENDENCE, BIG PINE, LONE PINE...

The map above covers the general part of the Inyo-Mono area from Lone Pine north through Independence, Big Pine, to Bishop. Most of the main streams of this area are easily accessible by good road. The King's Canyon National Park can also be reached from the north-south U. S. Highways 395 and 6, which connect the principal points in the Inyo-Mono region. Located in this area, also, are Bishop Creek, South Lake, Lake Sabrina, and many other good fishing spots.

The map above, and the two which follow on subsequent pages, give you a good picture of the Inyo-Mono fishing area. Underneath each map some of the larger fishing areas have been listed. There are hundreds of other streams and lakes in these regions which, because of space limitations, could not be

mentioned. Remember, the best fishing is almost invariably found in the most inaccessible spots.

LONE PINE CREEK—This stream runs from the shadows of Mt. Whitney through Lone Pine. A beautiful stream, with good camping spots. Rainbow and Lochleven trout.

INDEPENDENCE CREEK—More than 7 miles of fine trout stream, abounding mostly in Rainbows. Gray's Meadows, Onion Valley, ideal camping areas. Gateway to Kearsarge Pass and excellent back-country fishing.

BIG PINE CREEK—15 miles south of Bishop on Highway 395. Turn west at sign. Rainbows mostly. It is a short hike from the end of this road to dozens of good lakes.

KING'S RIVER—One-day pack trip from South Lake over Bishop Pass. This area has more than 15 miles of good stream fishing in the King's River National Park. Good camping spots. Medium-size Golden Trout.

BISHOP CREEK—West from Bishop on West Line street. May be fished as far as Lake Sabrina, South Lake, and North Lake. Sixteen miles of good fishing. Rainbows, Eastern Brook and Lochleven. Good camping spots.

SOUTH LAKE—West of Bishop 19 miles on Bishop Creek. Steep grade but good road. Closed until May 29. Rainbows, Lochleven and Brook trout. Boats available for trolling. Many lakes, including Long Lake, Timberline, Saddle Rock and Bishop Lakes may be reached on foot or horseback. Horses available.

NORTH LAKE—Twenty miles west of Bishop on Bishop Creek. Mostly Rainbows and Brookies. Horses may be rented for back-country trips.

DESOLATION LAKE—Eight hours pack from South or North Lake, up and over Piute Pass. Beautiful country, Golden Trout. This is a nice trip—back off the beaten path.



BISHOP, JUNE LAKE, MAMMOTH LAKES...

This map continues northward where the map on the preceding page leaves off, starting at the bottom with Bishop and going northward and westward on U. S. Highway 395 through Round Valley, Paradise Camp, Rock Creek, Mammoth Lakes, Crestview, to June Lake. The map also covers U. S. Highway 6 as far north as Benton Station. There are countless good fishing streams and lakes listed on this map, some of which are enumerated below. If you haven't already seen it, you'll want to visit the Devil's Postpile National Monument west of Mammoth.

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PINE CREEK AREA—12 miles north of Bishop on Highway 395. Turn west on paved road.

Rainbows. Fair fishing. Recently stocked. The Morgan Lake chain, French Canyon, etc., may be reached from this area. Road steep and rugged. Horses available.

ROCK CREEK—About 26 miles north of Bishop on Highway 395. Turn west at sign. Eight miles of good fishing. Nice camping spots. Rainbow, Eastern Brook and Lochleven trout.

HILTON CREEK AND LAKES—30 miles north of Bishop on Highway 395, between Tom's Place and McGee Creek. The Hilton Lakes are pack-in lakes with cabins available. The fish are large—Rainbow, Eastern Brook and Lochleven.

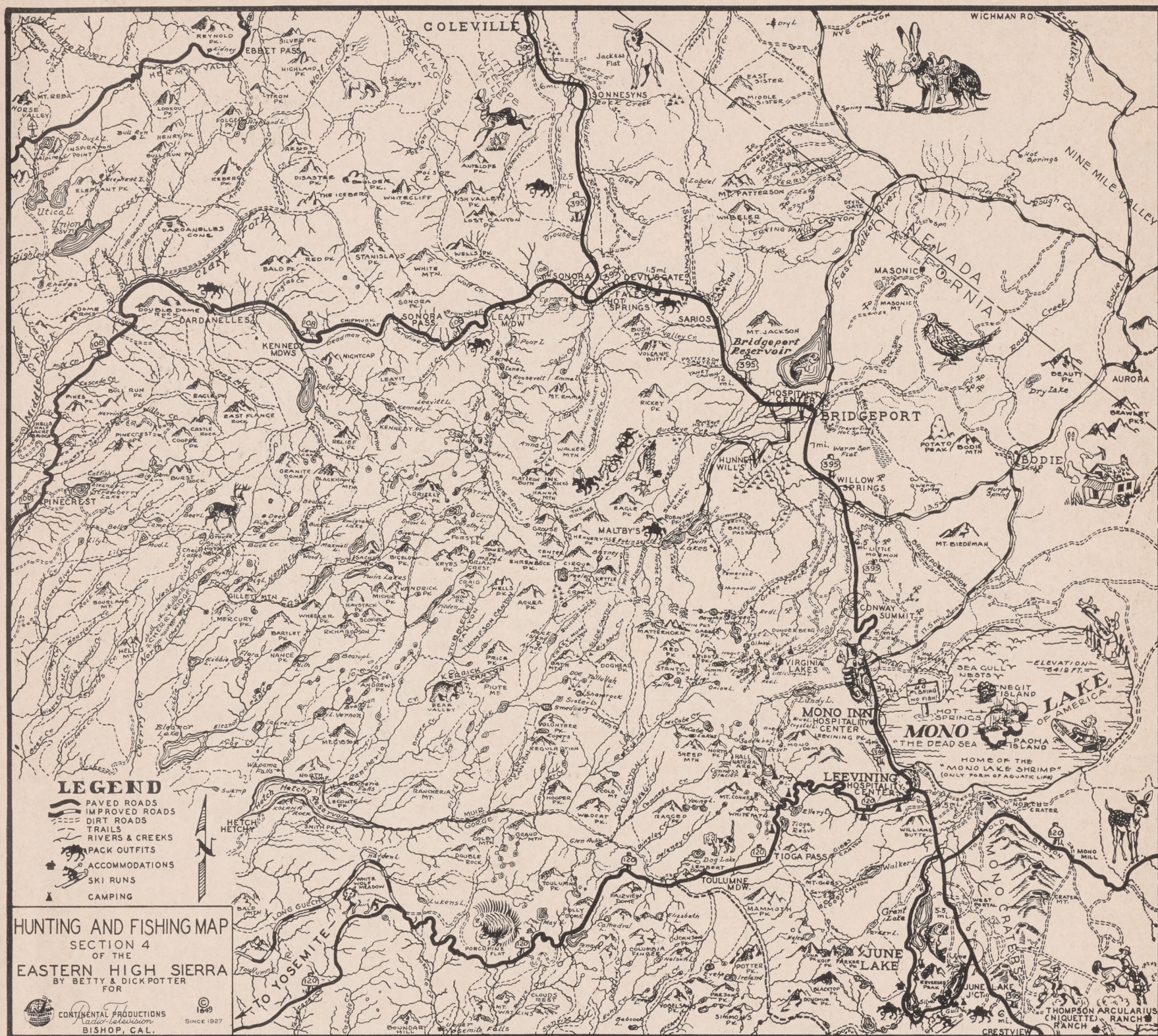
MCGEE CREEK—Just north of Hilton Creek.

Many good camp spots. Fishing is good in this stream, both below and above the pack station. Rainbow and Lochleven.

CROWLEY LAKE—This is one of the best fishing lakes in the country. Located 31 mi. north of Bishop on Highway 395. It is controlled by the City of Los Angeles. Has been heavily stocked every year. The fish are unusually big—catches of 17 pound Lochleven have been reported, but are rare. Trout weighing 10-12 pounds are fairly common. Boats rented by the City of L.A., but you can use your own boat if you wish.

MONO LAKE—No fishing here. Because of the heavy mineral content of the water, practically no aquatic life can exist.

MAMMOTH REGION—One of the prettiest spots in the High Sierra. Huge pine forests surround the lakes and there are plenty of camping grounds. These numerous lakes are well stocked with Rainbows. Thirteen miles west, over a good dirt road, are Red's Meadows, Devil's Post Pile National Monument, Rainbow Falls, and many other choice spots.



LEE VINING, COLEVILLE TIOGA, BRIDGEPORT...

The general area covered by this map is from June Lake on the south, to Coleville on the north. Traveling northward on U. S. Highway 395 you pass through Lee Vining where the Tioga Pass Road (State Highway 120) turns westward through Yosemite National Park. Choice fishing areas may be reached from this highway when the pass is open (probably May 15). Mono Lake, largest in the area, can readily be seen from the highway. It's beautiful, but there's no fishing here, because of the lake's high mineral content. Continuing north, you go through Bridgeport, Mono county seat, Sonora Junction (where State Highway 108 branches to the west across the Sierra) and on northward to Coleville.

JUNE LAKE AREA—About 58 miles north of Bishop on Highway 395, then turn west two miles. Well stocked with Rainbow and German Brown trout. Good camp grounds, cabins, stores, boats, etc. West of June Lake are Gull Lake, Silver Lake, Rush Creek and Grant Lake where Lochleven and Rainbow abound. This is fisherman's paradise country.

TIOGA LAKE—A few miles west of Lee Vining on Tioga Pass road which goes to Yosemite National Park. There is plenty of beautiful scenery along this road and Eastern Brook and Rainbows abound in the lake and nearby streams.

ELLERY LAKE—Up Tioga Pass Road to sign.

Dirt road to lake. Nice-sized Rainbow trout.

SADDLE BAG LAKE—Also on Tioga Pass Road, few miles west of Lee Vining. Road from state highway is rough but passable. Eastern Brook and Rainbow trout.

GREEN LAKE—Nine miles west of Highway 395. Turn off at large sign three miles south of Bridgeport. Improved campgrounds, boats, motors, and horses for hire. Rainbows and Eastern Brook can be had in the lakes and in the miles of good streams in the area.

MONO LAKE—No fishing here. Because of the heavy mineral content of the water, practically no aquatic life can exist.

TWIN LAKES—Near Bridgeport. Turn west one block north of Courthouse in Bridgeport, go west past ranch. Road ends at lakes. Boats and horses are for hire. There is another beautiful lake above Twin Lakes approximately six miles by trail.

WALKER RIVER—Area is full of good streams for Rainbow, etc. You'll enjoy the fishing and you'll enjoy the scenery.



★THE REAL MCCOYS—Undaunted by the wind, rain, and snow which marred the opening of the 1951 season at Crowley Lake, these three mighty young fishermen hold up five mighty fish which they caught. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCoy of Long Valley, they are, from left to

right, Gary, Carl, and Dennis. You can tell it on their faces—the boys are really happy! Whitney Portal (Lone Pine), Glacier Lodge (Big Pine), and the Bishop area have special pools and streams planted for "exclusive" fishing by youngsters.—L. A. Parks and Recreation photo.

Izaak Walton Club Sponsors "Fishing Hole" . . .

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In Inyo-Mono, where almost everyone is fish-conscious, the children are not neglected. The Izaak Walton Club of Bishop is again sponsoring a "fishing hole" exclusively for boys and girls under 14 years of age.

If you are older than that, you are not welcome here.

This juvenile fishing area is part of the Izaak Walton club's program of maintaining a good, close-in picnic ground on Bishop Creek just two miles west of the city center on West Line Street. Already they have been busy repairing and painting the seven camp tables, barbecue pits etc. and officers say it is ready for the heavy use which it annually enjoys.

The thousand feet of juvenile fishing area has been well-stocked with nice-sized Rainbow which certainly will give their share of thrills to the youngsters who will be catching them during the season.

According to Aubrey Lyon, secretary of the club, sheep will be pastured on the three-acre picnic grounds at various intervals in order to keep down the grass. For that reason the club wants to be sure that no dogs are allowed in the area at any time, except on leash.

Nick Mandich, Sr. is president of the club. Other officers include: Natt Piper, first vice president; Harry Lennon, second vice president; Aubrey Lyon, secretary; and Howard Wentworth, treasurer.

In addition to the public picnic ground, the club is active on projects to sponsor regular educational conservation talks on the local radio station and to support a bill which was recently introduced into the state senate by Senator Charles Brown which would prohibit the complete diversion of natural streams by any individual or group. They recently donated \$50 toward the expenses of Boy Scouts who will attend the National Jamboree in Newport Beach in July.

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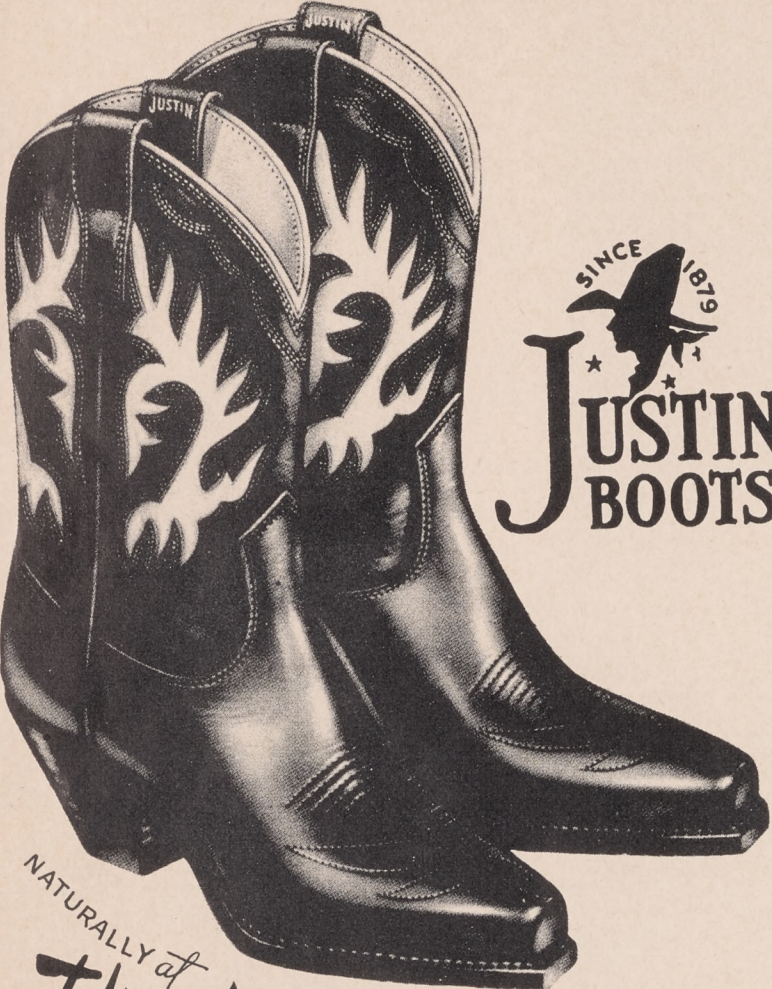
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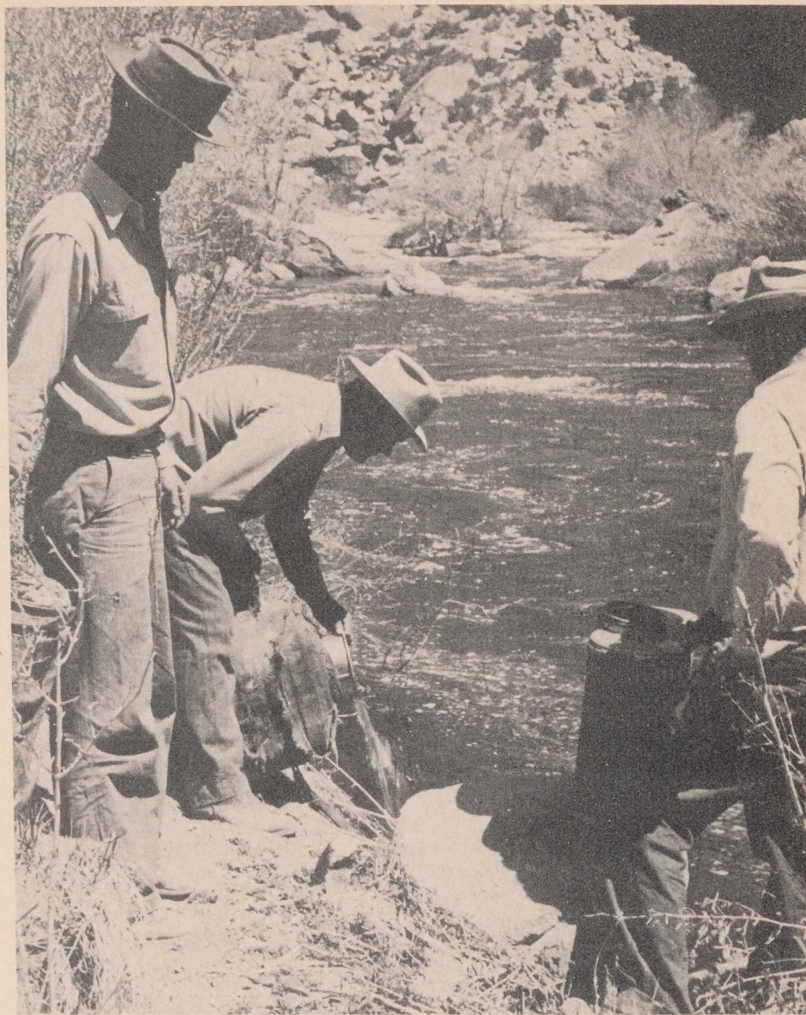
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Those fish you are catching—and are planning to catch—in Inyo-Mono counties come pretty high. The State Department of Fish and Game recently revealed that it costs 60 cents a pound to raise them to catchable size at one of their four hatcheries within this area.

When you add that to your own personal cost—transportation, lodging, expensive fishing gear, meals and other refreshments—you'll probably realize it's a lot cheaper to buy your meat at the store. But who wants to do that, anyway?

The four hatcheries in Inyo-Mono are as follows: Mt. Whitney Hatchery, Independence; Black Rock Rearing Ponds, Independence; Fish Springs Hatchery, Big Pine; and Hot Creek Hatchery in Mono County. Egg-taking stations are located at Rush Creek and Walker Lake for German Brown and Eastern Brook trout.

Last year a total of 15,321,703 eggs were produced, a portion of them going to other hatcheries throughout the state. Catchable-size trout produced and planted totalled 1,640,468 in addition to 1,474,744 fingerlings produced. This year's plans, which are rapidly being carried out, call for the planting of 1,969,500 catchable-size Rainbow trout, 553,000 fingerling Rainbow, 285,000 fingerling Eastern Brook, 850,000 fingerling Brown trout, 250,000 fingerling Cutthroats, and 250,000 fingerling Golden Trout.

The bulk of this year's plant is being made in Inyo and Mono counties with a reasonable number being scheduled for East and West Carson river drainage in Alpine County.

When it comes to fish planting, "something new has been added" in recent years. Back-country lakes, which used to be planted with the conventional pack animal, now are stocked by airplane. What used to take all summer now can be accomplished in 10 days, and with better results. Not only is a great saving in man-hours and money made, but tests have shown that practically none of the fish are lost in transit. It is now possible to plant in less than one hour some back-country waters that took two days to reach with pack animals.

The plane used for this work is a two-engine craft. As the plane approaches the lake at an altitude between 200 and 300 feet, the fish to be planted are taken from aluminum containers and are placed in

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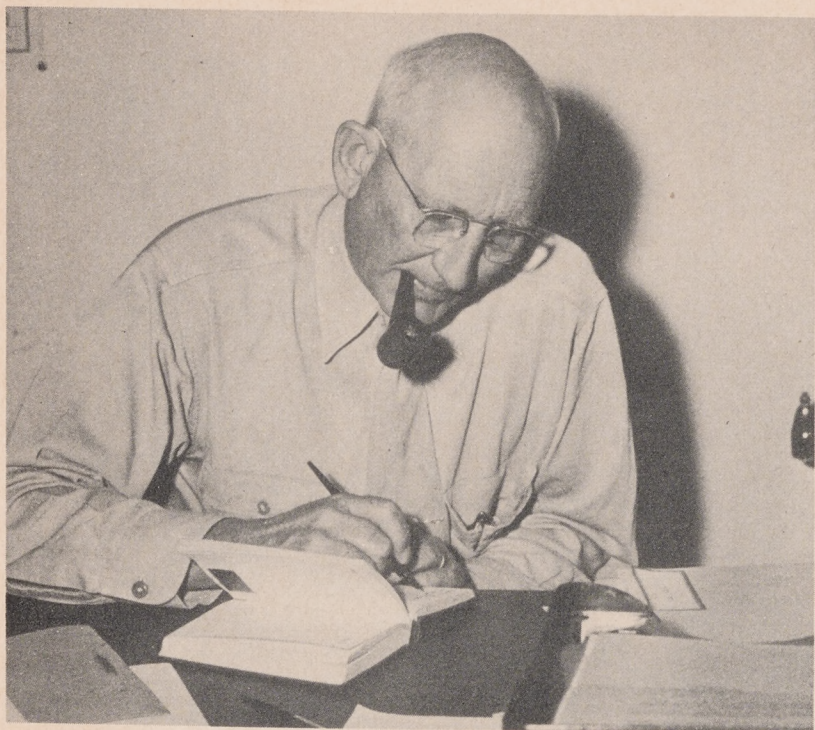
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a special hopper tank. When it reaches the center, a lever is pulled and the fish are released simultaneously. Observations have been made many times, according to Fish and Game officials, and practically no mortality results from the fall.

Because of the increased number of anglers during the past 10 or 12 years, the department has found it necessary to plant larger numbers of catchable-size trout. There is a definite trend toward the "warm-water" hatcheries with plenty of pond and raceway facilities where trout can be aged. Accessible streams are stocked with these fairly large trout by use of the tank truck, where possible, and the pack animal in more inaccessible spots.

Trout propagation and planting has become big and important business in Inyo-Mono and the future of the area as a "fisherman's paradise" depends entirely on the program. Without the replenishment every year, the streams and lakes would soon prove unattractive to the anglers.



★TOP—Leon Talbott of the Bishop office of the California Fish and Game Department is in charge of the hatcheries and fish-planting program in Inyo-Mono. He and his crew have been especially busy before the opening of the 1953 season planting plenty of catchable-size fish in many of the local streams and lakes. BOTTOM—Many inaccessible lakes are now planted by airplane, but to some of the hard-to-get-to streams the fish still have to be carried by pack animals and by men. Here a group of men is shown walking up a steep slope with fish in the containers on their backs. TOP OF OPPOSITE PAGE—The men are now emptying their fish containers into the stream. Makes good fishing—if you get there! —Photos by J. E. Morhardt and Steve Lukacik.



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District Hatcheries



★ TOP—Year around work goes on at Hot Creek Hatchery in Mono County to produce hundreds of thousands of trout for anglers fishing Inyo-Mono-Alpine lakes and streams. An attendant is shown feeding the fish. CENTER—The three biologists of the Fish and Game Department office in Bishop are pictured here. They are Robert R. Ehlers, junior aquatic biologist; Ralph V. Beck, assistant fisheries biologist; E. P. Pister, seasonal aid. BOTTOM—Managers of the four fish hatcheries located in the Inyo-Mono area are David Ward, Mt. Whitney; Carleton Rogers, Black Rock; Bill Richardson, Fish Springs; and Bill White, Hot Creek. Keeping those leaping trout leaping is lots of work! —Steve Lukacik photo.



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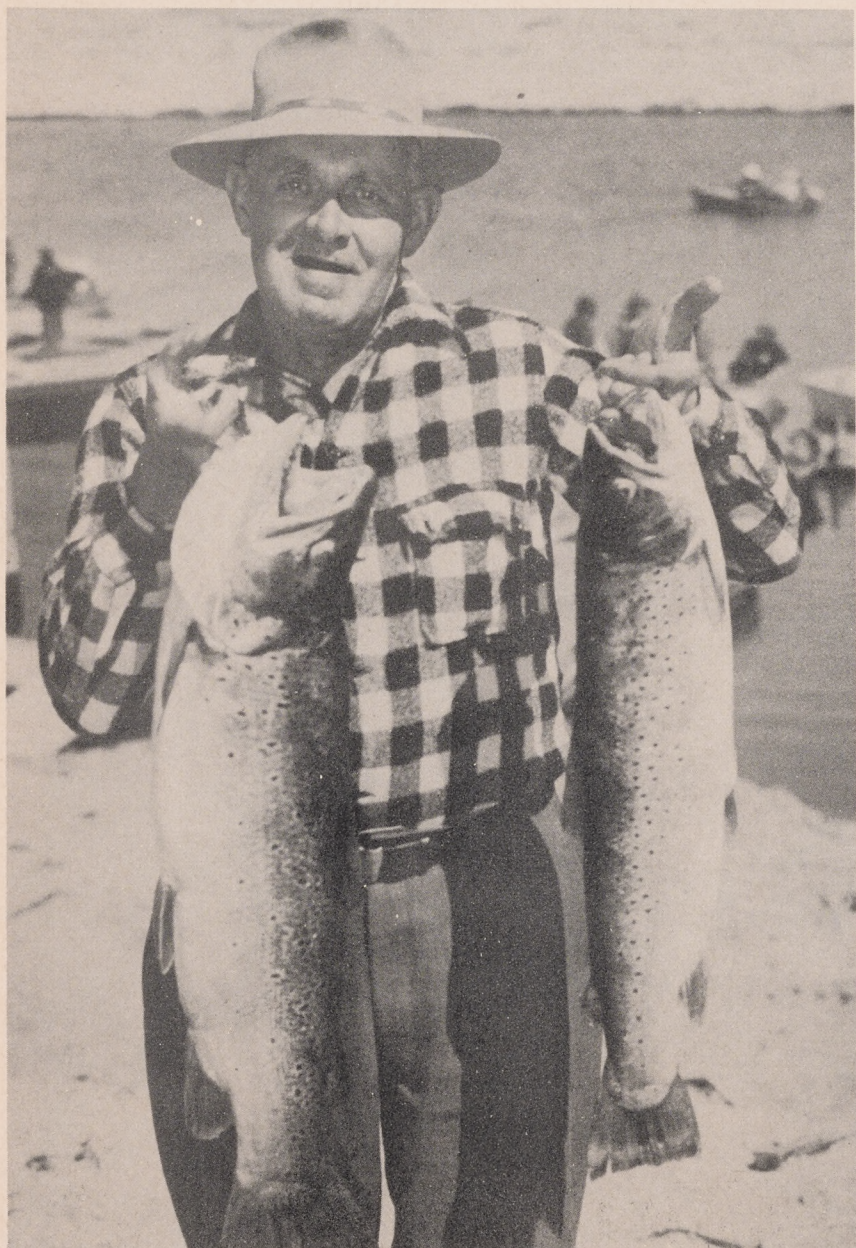
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★ ABOVE—Chet Harlin of Bishop proudly displays a weight limit of Golden trout from the High Sierra back country in Palisade Basin. BELOW—W. H. Patten shows a couple of big Lochleven trout which he caught at Crowley Lake. It's a 12½-lb. prize on the left, and an eight pounder on the right. Patten scored his victory over both beauties the same day.



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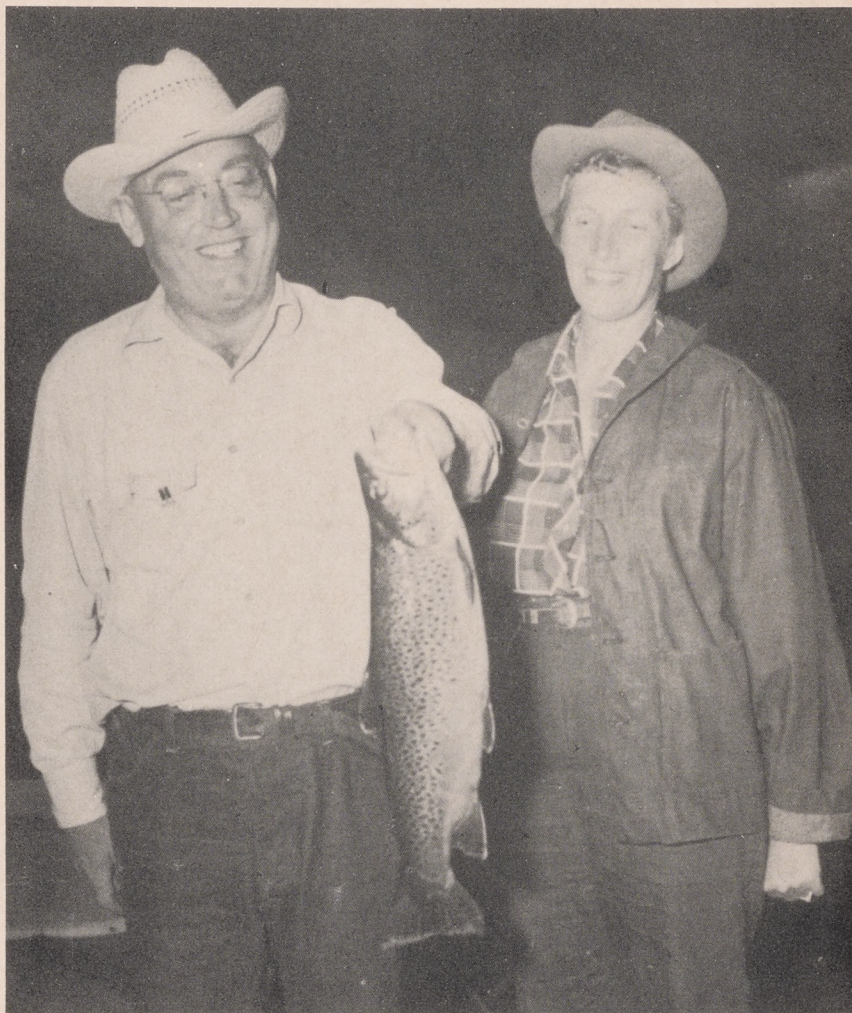
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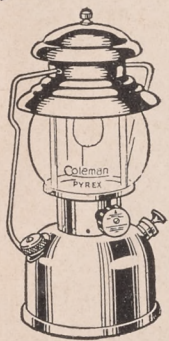
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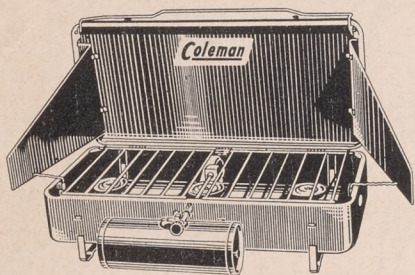
★ ABOVE—They're pretty happy about this one, as you can tell from their expressions. Dr. Dave and Dorothy Hoffman of Laguna Beach are holding a large Lochleven taken at Grant Lake. BELOW—You may not recognize this picture, as the lad has grown up now, but it's Bobby Brown, formerly of Bishop, who poses here with a huge Owens River Lochleven.

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★ ABOVE—Paul Bagwell, Lone Pine angler, holds a large Rainbow taken from the Owens River near Benton Crossing—a typical catch for him.

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Incidentally, Lone Pine is going to have its own fishing contest for kids Saturday evening, May 2. Prizes will be awarded at the Eagles hall at 8 p.m. for the largest stream fish, largest lake fish, first limit turned in, best mixed basket, best basket of Rainbows. There will also be prizes for second place and consolation.

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plays of the large trout which have been caught here. ABOVE—A view of part of the Inyo-Mono booth at the 1953 Sportsmen's Show, taken by an L. A. Dept. of Water & Power photographer. BELOW—A group of Inyo-Mono workers, all set to describe for booth visitors, the area's fishing, hunting and scenic wonders. Largest crowds in history, more than 250,000 people, attended this year's exposition.—Steve Lukacik photo.

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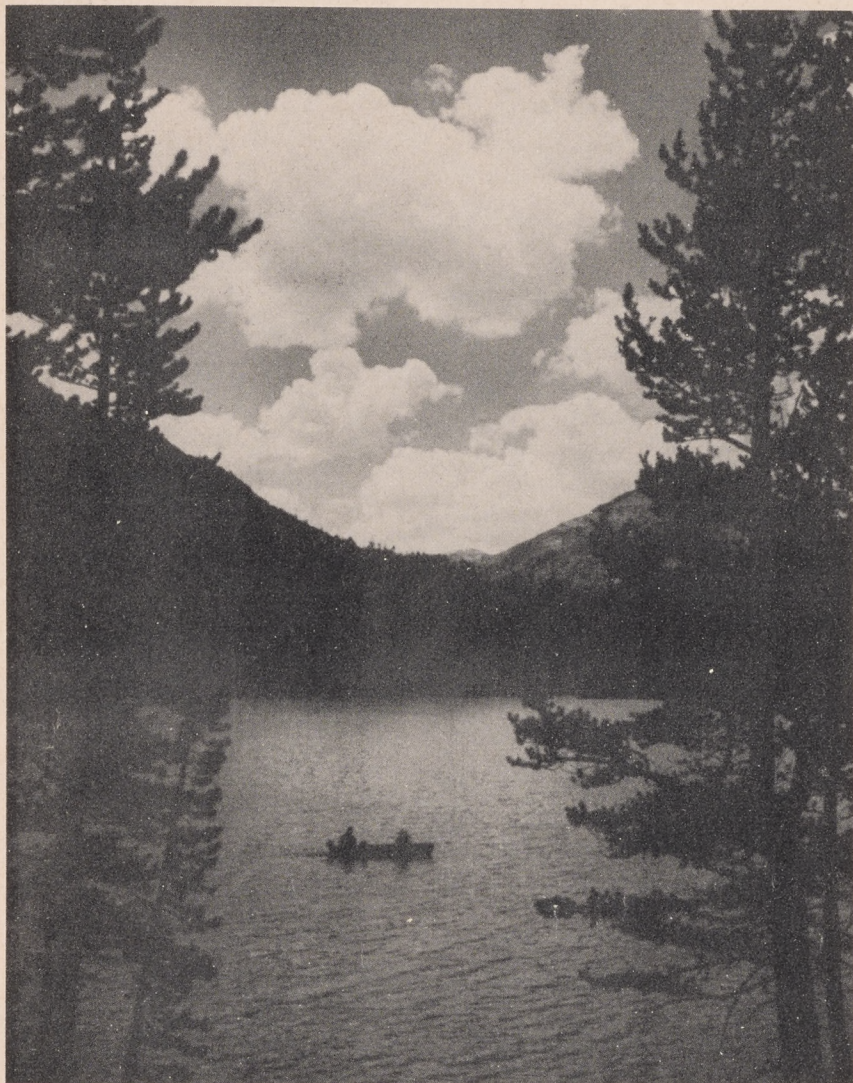
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★ ABOVE—Peaceful solitude reigns supreme in the High Sierra. Hundreds of beautiful lakes such as this are available for boats. Anglers will find Inyo-Mono a cameraman's paradise, too, as this photo by Frasher's of Pomona clearly demonstrates. BELOW—The scenic Whitney road leads from Lone Pine, west through the unique Alabama Hills (popular movie location area) to Mt. Whitney (pictured in the center right of the above photo), highest peak in the U. S., an elevation of 14,496 feet. Mt. Whitney is accessible by foot and horse trail. It's a popular challenge to mountain climbers. Dept. Water & Power photo.



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★TOP—June Lake, famous for fishing and nearby scenic attractions, is located in the heart of Inyo-Mono fishing country, with plenty of camps and other accommodations nearby. CENTER—Hot Creek, a favorite opening-day stream, is located in scenic Mono county. It's also the site of the Hot Creek Hatchery. BOTTOM—Lone Pine Lake lies in the shadows of Mt. Whitney. It's a short hike or horseback ride from Whitney Portal.—Fraser's photos.





★ ABOVE—The Devil's Postpile National Monument, near Mammoth Lakes, is a "must" for vacationers enroute to choice back country fishing. It's a truly remarkable formation, and if you've not yet seen it—be sure to do so. —L. A. Dept. Water & Power photo.

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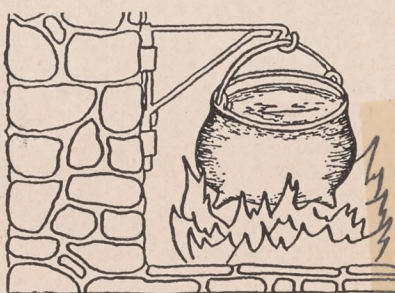
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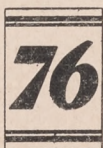
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